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SUBJ: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS GABON

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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT BONGO REAFFIRMED GABON'S SUPPORT FOR
SPANISH POSITION THAT CANARY ISLANDS ARE INTEGRAL PART
OF SPAIN DURING VISIT SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA.
END SUMMARY.

1. SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED LIBREVILLE EVENING
MAY 15 AND DEPARTED FOR ABIDJAN MORNING MAY 17 FOLLOWING
WORKING SESSIONS WITH GABONESE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND
TETE-A-TETE WITH PRESIDENT BONGO. ALTHOUGH SERIES BI-
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LATERAL ISSUES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. IT WAS CLEAR THAT
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO NAIL DOWN GABONESE
SUPPORT FOR SPANISH POSITION ON CANARY ISLANDS. OREJA
SUCCEEDED. DURING TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO, OREJA STATED THAT BONGO
HAD UNEQUIVOCALLY REAFFIRMED GABONESE COMMITMENT, WHICH
HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER BONGO'S

MARCH VISIT MADRID (REFTELS), TO SUPPORT SPANISH
POSITION THAT CANARIES INTEGRAL PART OF SPAIN.

2. BILATERAL MATTERS DISCUSSED, ACCORDING TO
OREJA, INCLUDED FORMATION OF A JOINT VENTURE FISHING
COMPANY AND A SPANISH COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE CULTURAL
ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SPANISH TEACHERS. LOCAL
DAILY L'UNION, IDENTIFIED OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING
OREJA AS HIS DIRECTOR OF CABINET, ROMAN FERNANDEZ
DE SOIGNIE, AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC RELA-
TIONS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, MIGUEL DE ALADSORO.
A TELEVISION CREW IS ALSO TRAVELING ON THE FOREIGN
MINISTER'S SPECIAL AIRCRAFT.TIENKEN

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